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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0109

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, IO

SUBJ: SUPPORT OF US NAVAL PRESENCE IN INDIAN
OCEAN AREA.

REF: STATE 028352/1

1. FOLLOWING ANSWERS ARE IN SAME ORDER AS QUESTIONS
CONTAINED PARA 2 REFTEL:

A. YES. CURRENT LEVEL APPROXIMATELY 35 VISITS
PER QUARTER. GOS WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO
ACCOMMODATE MODEST INCREASE.

B. YES. HOWEVER, GOS IS CURRENTLY HONORING
ARAB OIL EMBARGO. THEREFORE NONE OF THESE
FLIGHTS, EXCEPT POSSIBLY THOSE ENGAGED IN
MEDICAL EVACUATIONS, WOULD BE ALLOWED TO REFUEL IN
SINGAPORE.

C. YES. GOS WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE
MODEST INCREASE. CIVILIAN CLOTHING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL
SHORE LEAVE.

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D. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE STATUS OF FORCES AGREE-
MENT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT. ABSENCE

OF FORMAL AGREEMENT HAS PRESENTED NO DIFFICULTIES
DURING CURRENT HIGH LEVEL OF SHIP VISITS. THEREFORE EMBASSY/ USDAO
DOES NOT CONSIDER SOFA TO BE NECESSARY.

E. YES. HOWEVER, A MINIMUM OF SHORE PATROL ARE
REQUIRED AND ONLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRESENT ANZUK
PROVOST MARSHAL FORCE.

F. COMMERCIAL BUNKERING READILY AVAILABLE, BUT PRO-
HIBITED BY ARAB OIL EMBARGO. LIMITED BUNKERING
AVAILABLE AT BRITISH CONTROLLED FACILITY AT ANZUK
STORES BASIN.

G. NONE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. HOWEVER,
POSSIBLE CONCERN OVER SOVIET REACTION MIGHT MAKE GOS
SENSITIVE TO ANY MAJOR INCREASE IN US SHIP VISITS.

H. NO. NOT NECESSARY SINCE GOS ATTITUDE
IS ALREADY BASICALLY FAVORABLE.

2. NUCLEAR WARSHIPS DO NOT REQUIRE SEPARATE TREATMENT
IN SINGAPORE.
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